

## REMARKS

Claims 28-43 are pending herein. Claims 28 and 34, set forth in Applicants' preliminary amendment filed January 27, 2005 found basis in originally filed claims 1-3, 5-10 and 14 and claims 10, 14, 16, 22 and 23, respectively. Original claim 14 contained the phrase "etherified methanol" which should clearly have read "etherified methanol". This correction was made when presenting new claims 28 and 34 and was not an amendment to these claims. Applicants' apologize for the confusion. Claim 34 has been amended to correct its dependency. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner requires restriction under § 121 by election of a single disclosed species of the isocyanate polymerization product or the polymerization product of urea formaldehyde as well as the process for preparing said product. Applicants elect, with traverse, polymer resins of species (a) having as the surface modifying compound Poly-EPS-520-Na, and the process as set forth in Example 3 of the instant application. Poly-EPS-520-Na is a surface modifying compound of formula (IVA) in which:

X is  $\text{NH}_2$ ;

Y is polyoxypropylene

Y' is  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  [n-propylene]; and

Z is sulfonate.

Claims 28-32, 34, 37 and 40-43 are readable thereon.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. Thus, Applicants view as appropriate the inclusion in a single application of claims reading on a combination of polymer resins (a) or (b) with the claimed surface modifying compounds. What is represented is interrelated subject matter. This interrelationship rather than the classification in separate classes should be the overriding factor in determining the propriety of the restriction requirement. Additionally, the current guidelines on restriction practice recommend the examination of different sets of claims when such examination would not be unduly burdensome or prolonged. It is contended that this guideline would apply to the instant set of claims.

Applicants aver that they have made a complete response to the restriction requirement of the Examiner and that the instant application and claims are now in better condition for examination on their merits and for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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